

2000 DEAD IN HALIFAX

SENATE PASSES THE BILL DECLARING WAR ON AUSTRIA

SNOW ADDS TO HORROR

AMERICAN JACKIES PATROL THE STRICKEN CITY

(By Associated Press.)
HALIFAX, Dec. 7.—A heavy snowstorm is impeding the rescue of the injured and the recovery of bodies of the victims of the explosion which followed the collision of the Belgian relief steamer Imo with the French munitions ship Mont Blanc, but is aiding in quenching the flames in the ruins.
Incoming specials carried doctors, nurses and supplies, while the outgoing trains carried the injured to Windsor and elsewhere.
FILL MORGUES
The work is rapidly filling the morgues. Increasing deaths of injured appeared to substantiate the estimate that the total of dead would be 2,000 or more.
The world may never know the exact number of dead because entire families were killed and charred bones are the only remaining trace.
Every building in the city was damaged and the Richmond and Dartmouth sections were devastated. Few if any of the several hundred attending the Richmond school escaped.
U. S. JACKIES ON PATROL
The explosion occurred in the narrows at a point where the harbor is less than half a mile wide, between Richmond and Dartmouth. The sloping land formed a trough and served to increase the intensity and destructiveness of the blast. Sailors of an American warship are on patrol duty.

U. S. SAILORS KILLED
(By Associated Press.)
TRURO, Dec. 7.—A telegrapher from Halifax reported he saw bodies of several sailors of the United States navy.

NO U. S. SHIP IN HARBOR
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The navy reports indicate that no American ship was in Halifax at the time of the explosion. It is believed the commander of an American ship went to help after hearing the blast fifty-two miles at sea. He would have reported if there had been any American ships at Halifax at the time of the disaster.

WAIT AT MORGUES
(By Associated Press.)
HALIFAX, Dec. 7.—Dawn found hundreds, who had stood in line all night, at the improvised morgues, continuing their vigil, entertaining alternate fears and hopes. Others besieged the hospitals. Relief parties continued to work for first aid.
Many searchers confined their efforts to seeing that all the injured in the flame-swept Richmond district, an area of two and one-half square miles, were removed to hospitals and sending bodies to the morgues for identification.
The explosion was felt over a radius of one hundred miles. Property damage resulted in some places on the main water front, where buildings and piers for loading ships and warehouses for munitions and supplies are located, south of the narrows. They, however, escaped the full force, and although damaged considerably, it is learned the facilities for loading transports and munitions ships are not as badly crippled as at first believed.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The commander of the United States transport which was in Halifax harbor at the time of the explosion has been instructed to get complete details and report to the navy department by wireless.
(By Associated Press.)
HALIFAX, Dec. 7.—The matron and all but two girls of the Protestant orphanage are believed to have perished.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Representative Tague introduced a joint resolution to appropriate \$5,000,000 for the relief of the stricken people of Halifax. The president sent the Governor-general expression of sympathy of the people of the United States.

U. S. AIDED BY ARRESTS OF I. W. W.

ATTORNEY GENERAL GREGORY MAKES ANNUAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Only the cold figures showing the results of the work of the department of justice in coping with German plotters in this country are given in Attorney General Gregory's annual report submitted today to congress. None of the details of the operations of the secret service of that department, touching almost every condition from the romantic to the sordid are disclosed. Most of those must necessarily remain untold until the end of the war, when a set of volunteers rivaling the most exciting tales of fiction might be written from them. The attorney general's report merely tells the story of results in the figures of prison sentences which the agents of German intrigue now are serving in federal penitentiaries.
In dealing with the enemies within, the department has found that the espionage law, the trading with the enemy act, and the prosecution of seditious conspiracy have been fruitful of results.
"The government's hands have been materially strengthened so that it now has power to deal with disturbing malcontents," says the attorney general's report.
"The prosecution of William D.

Britain Did Not Oppose the Pope

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 7.—In the house of commons yesterday Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, denied that England and France had entered into any treaty or understanding to support Italy against the holy see if the holy see attempted to take steps toward peace. Asked why no reasoned reply to the pope's note was made by England, France or Italy, he said:
"The British French and Italian governments considered no reply necessary beyond that returned by President Wilson."

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

	1917	1916
5 a. m.	21	13
9 a. m.	25	13
12 noon	36	20
2 p. m.	35	23
Maximum Dec. 6	48	32
Minimum Dec. 6	31	15
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.	45	per cent.

children ran into the streets, many inefficiently clad. The fire broke out in a hundred places.

"ABSOLUTELY ABSURD," WIRES KEY PITTMAN OF RUMOR ON GOLD MINES

Some concern was felt by mining men who read the statement telegraphed from San Francisco yesterday and credited to Frederick Bradley that the government contemplated the closing of gold mines because they were non-essential to the furthering of the war.
H. E. Epstein wired to Washington to ascertain the facts. The following brief refutation came today from Senator Key Pittman:
Published declarations that the government considers gold and

Tonopah M. Co. Makes Shipment

A shipment of 20 bars of bullion was made this morning by the Tonopah Mining company of Nevada. They weighed 105 pounds each. The consignment was valued at \$53,360.

WORLD COMMENT ON THE MESSAGE

MANY COUNTRIES WELCOME WILSON'S WORDS AS CORRECT WAR AIMS.

(By Associated Press.)
MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 7.—The Uruguayan papers publish President Wilson's message in full. Commenting on the message El Siglo says:
"The importance of the discourse lies in its propositions regarding peace requirements, and it must cause a profound and favorable impression among all those nations fighting for the cause of justice, culture and civilization."
El Diario says:
President Wilson's words resound throughout the world to confirm once more the irrevocable resolution to pursue to the end the fight for the liberty of the people. The message is another confirmation of that gospel which drew the great pacifist, President Wilson, into the war, convinced that only by a war

LONDON SCHOOL HIT BY A BOMB

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 7.—One airplane that hovered over London yesterday dropped five explosive and two incendiary bombs and did the most

BANDIT IS SHOT DOWN IN SACRAMENTO STREET

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 7.—The police wounded and captured Samuel Shea in a running fight, following the robbery of six hotel guests and fifteen diners in a restaurant in the retail district early today.

COLDEST DAY.

Today, according to Forecaster Wagner, was the coldest day of this winter.

Bullion Shipped By Extension Co.

The Tonopah Extension Mining company yesterday shipped its clean-up for the latter half of November. It consisted of 24 bars, weighing 48,155 ounces. The consignment was valued at \$47,000.

DEBATE ON MEASURE IS QUITE BRIEF

SENATOR STONE INTRODUCES RESOLUTION AND ASKS FOR UNANIMOUS ADOPTION.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The resolution to declare war on Austria was passed by both houses of congress. The house accepted the senate resolution. It now goes to the president for his signature. The senate vote was unanimous. Senator La Follette left before the voting was finished. Later he said he would have voted against it unless it was amended to provide that the United States would oppose any agreement to take territory that Austria held prior to August 1, 1914.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The senate passed the resolution declaring war on Austria with less than an hour's debate. Senator Stone presented it and moved its adoption. Unanimous consent was secured for immediate consideration. Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee, opened debate on the resolution in the house. He asked it be passed unanimously, declaring it essential to the welfare of the allies, and that

PRIORITY ORDER FOR FOOD, FUEL ISSUED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Robert Lovett, government director of priority transportation, issued an order today giving preferential shipment to food, fuel and government supplies. The order legalizes the action already taken by the eastern railroads' operating committee.

IRON WORK RAZED BY MYSTERY FIRE

(By Associated Press.)
TORONTO, Dec. 7.—Fire which originated in the pattern shop of the Peisen ironworks on the Toronto water front early last night completely destroyed the building and a number of sheds and badly damaged a large freight boat and a trowler. The total damage is estimated at from \$250,000 to \$300,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery.
William Newman, manager of the ironworks, when asked about the number of aliens employed at the plant and whether they might be responsible, replied:
"I don't know; remember, we are at war."
Men of several nationalities are employed as laborers at the works. It was stated that work of reconstruction would be started at once.

YAQUI INDIANS BURN AMERICAN BUILDINGS

(By Associated Press.)
NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 7.—Yaquis attacked Esperanza Sonora and burned the office and storehouse of an American company. Thirty Americans live in the vicinity.

3:30 Extra: War

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, DEC. 7.—THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF WAR WITH AUSTRIA AT 5:03 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON, FROM WHICH TIME THE STATE OF WAR DATES.

West End Sends Out a Shipment

On December 5th the West End Consolidated Mining company shipped 30 bars of bullion, the clean-up for its mill for the second half of November. The consignment weighed 49,187 ounces, valued at \$49,487.

HOUSE ENTERTAINS ALLIED DELEGATES

GENERALS PETAIN AND JERSHING CALL ON AMERICA'S REPRESENTATIVE.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 7.—Yesterday was one of the many conferences for Col. E. M. House, head of the American mission. Its chief event was a luncheon which he gave, the guests including Stephen Pichen, French minister of foreign affairs; Louis Klotz, minister of finance; Etienne Clementel, minister of commerce; Jules Cambon, general secretary to the foreign office; the Marquis de Chambrun, Gabriel Hanotaux, Oscar T. Crosby, assistant secretary of the United States treasury, and Paul D. Cravath.
General Petain visited Colonel House during the afternoon, as did also General Pershing. Among those with whom Colonel House conferred were Andre Hardieu, French high commissioner to the United States, and Viscount Northcliffe.
Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff of the American army, has gone to British general headquarters to visit Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig. Admiral William S. Benson, chief of naval operations, has gone on a tour of inspection of the naval bases and naval aviation centers.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Four thousand more Italians were captured in the new Teuton offensive in Northern Italy. It is officially announced. This makes the total 15,000 for the new drive.

(By Associated Press.)
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 6.—(Thursday)—The operation the enemy is attempting in the north is virtually a repetition of the turning movement executed six weeks ago above Gorizia, when they broke through the upper end of the line and endangered the lower end. In addition to superiority of numbers, the Teutons are taking advantage of the backward season to strike before the snows impede mountain operations. Austrian prisoners say the release of Russian prisoners began ten days ago without waiting for Russia to release Austrians. Each Russian was schooled in Austria's desire to end the war and returned to Russia to start propaganda for terminating the struggle.

BUTLER THEATRE

TO-NIGHT
DUSTIN FARNUM
in
"NORTH OF FIFTY-THREE"
Thrills and thrills fill every minute of this tale of the great Northwest. A woman's reputation is the prize for which the hero fights.
Also
"THE FIGHTING TRAIL"
The most marvelous photo-play serial ever produced.
TOMORROW
Louise Glau, in "Golden Rule Kate," and "The House of Terrible Scandals"; (some comedy)
Matinee 1:30—Night 7 & 9:30
Admission 11c and 17c